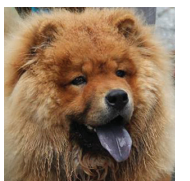


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## Council Commits to Working With “Stop this Train” Group

by Kathleen Gallagher

On May 30 the Greenbelt City Council held the latest in a series of meetings to consider the city’s response to the proposed maglev train route to run initially between Washington and Baltimore and, if feasibility has been demonstrated, to be extended incrementally, first to New York City, then Boston in the North and to Charlotte in the South. Representatives of Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR), the private company developing the project, attended a city council worksession last October, as well as a public hearing held by council on April 3.

This worksession was designed to begin forming a specific plan for moving forward to oppose the project. At least 20 people attended, most from Greenbelt but others from neighboring communities. Also participating in the meeting was Dennis

Brady, a former longtime Bowie city councilmember and the head of Stop this Train, the Bowie-based, grass-roots opposition group that has garnered admiration locally for its success in discouraging BWRR from pursuing the routes that would have most directly impacted Bowie.

Mayor Emmett Jordan said council recognized that some Greenbelt residents supported the maglev project but that council’s perception was that most residents who were taking a position opposed it as does the council.

Councilmember Judith Davis said she and Councilmember Edward Putens, who arrived later in the meeting, were in agreement that an effort should be made to organize a large meeting of all the municipalities, homeowner associations and other

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## ERHS Students Address Mental Illness and Stigmas

by Matthew Arbach



PHOTO BY ALEXIA RIVERA

ERHS students participate in a social identity workshop.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School students are working to bring the issue of mental illness, with all its stigmas and difficulties, out of the shadows and into the forefront for discussion and empathy. On Thursday, May 31 from 3:30 to 5 p.m., a session titled What’s On Your Mind was held in the school cafeteria. The session was organized by the student club Bring Change to Roose (BCR), headed by juniors Keny Cordero and Vanessa Aguocha-Sam, with help from teacher Patrick Gleason and Principal Reginald McNeill.

Three speakers were featured: Lorna Cuthbertson and Emma Allen, both juniors and members of BCR, and Theresa Smithson from Greenbelt CARES. Cuthbertson spoke on the importance of having a support network of friends and family to derive strength from or to just listen. Allen emphasized self-care, including getting proper sleep, eating and reducing stress. Smithson gave an overview of the services provided by CARES and offered information on mental health resources in Maryland.

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### Greenbelt Day 2018

## Backhoes to Red Wigglers At Public Works Open House

By Donna Hoffmeister

At the Public Works Open House last Saturday people could get up close to the equipment staff uses every day to serve the citizens of Greenbelt. Tony Finley demonstrated backhoes, sweepers, tractors and lawn mowers for street cleaning and lake clean-ups and for park, playground and athletic field upkeep. Mike Barnes helped kids climb into a bucket attached to the cherry-picker, to give them a sense of how city employees hang banners across streets, trim trees and change lights.

Inside the Public Works Building, Sustainability Coordinator Luisa Robles talked about the importance of recycling with a focus on the new Terra Cycle

### What Goes On

**Sunday, June 10 to Wednesday, June 13**  
Maryland Municipal League Conference, no City Council meetings  
**Wednesday, June 13**  
7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board, Community Center



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Big trucks were a favorite at Public Works open house on June 2.

bins for non-recyclable waste. Ethel Dutky, Advisory Committee on Trees, had a timely pest alert. The spotted lanternfly, a non-native invasive insect from Asia that is currently causing harm in Pennsylvania, feeds on the tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), a non-native invasive

plant made famous by the 1943 novel *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*; controlling the tree-of-heaven could help mitigate the impact of this insect when it arrives in Maryland. The Forest Preserve Advisory Board also displayed

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## Upgraded Community Center Playground Opens in Summer

by Chris Rogers-Spatuzzi



PHOTO BY CHRIS ROGERS-SPATUZZI

A new playground will replace the old playground by the nursery school.

The City of Greenbelt is installing a new playground behind the Community Center, replacing the old playground that has stood nearby since 1990. The new playground, just down the hill from the old location, features a large structure with climbing walls and slides as well as a small, detached playhouse and a neighboring swing set. It is still under construction, and likely

will not be open to the public until July or August, according to Assistant Director of Parks Brian Townsend.

In recent years, the city has implemented a program to replace and update playgrounds in Greenbelt. This is the 12th playground updated since 2006, but just three of the prior 11 were city-owned like the Community Center one. “There are over 30

playgrounds throughout the city that the city is responsible for, and we’re always assessing the condition of those playgrounds,” said Assistant City Manager David Moran. “We try to update one or two playgrounds a year, as resources allowed. We don’t always succeed, there are some times when for budgetary reasons we are unable to do that.”

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# Letters to the Editor

## City Needs Better Bus

On Friday, June 1 my husband and I booked the Greenbelt bus, which is now the Berwyn Heights bus, to go to a doctor's appointment. The driver, Brian, is very courteous and a good driver. However he informed us that over 80 percent of his trips are with seniors going to doctors and groceries. This bus has no air conditioning and no shocks. I am in a wheelchair and sit in the back of the bus and could easily fall out. I don't know why Greenbelt has this bus, did we buy it? This bus is continually in the shop for some repair. We need reliable transportation for our seniors and disabled people.

Carolyn Karch

## A Sunny Day In Greenbelt

The City of Greenbelt's continued efforts to embrace renewable energy are bearing fruit today, Friday, June 1, as contractor SG, Inc., installs solar modules on the south-facing roof at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The project, funded in large part with Maryland Smart Energy Communities Program grant, consists of a roof-mounted solar array of about 45-kilowatts; the energy this array produces will replace approximately a third of the total annual electricity consumption of the recreation center with clean, renewable energy direct from the sun.

The solar array will be owned

by the City of Greenbelt, so the clean power it produces is free; the array will therefore more than pay for itself in energy savings, reducing cost to taxpayers over the system life of 25 to 30 years.

More importantly, this project is a "win-win" because replacing electricity purchased from the utility company not only saves money, but helps our environment. Many tons of coal will not be mined or burned over the years; thousands of cubic feet of hydraulic-fractured natural gas will not be burned; many tons of greenhouse gas carbon dioxide will not be released into the atmosphere.

Congratulations are due to Director of Public Works Jim Sterling, Assistant Director Brian Kim and Sustainability Coordinator Luisa Robles for successfully working through the grant process and credit is due to city council for having the vision to care about our environment and making the sometimes-hard decisions to spend some of our precious money to do the right thing.

This is the first solar project for the City of Greenbelt, but hopefully not the last. It is, truly, A Sunny Day in Greenbelt!

Steve Skolnik  
Greenbelt's Green Team  
Solar Circle

## ICE Detainer Requests

This is a response to James Giese's "Greenbelt Officials Must Follow the Law" letter in the May 31 News Review. Mr.

Giese requested legal reasons why Greenbelt should not honor a federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer request. Here is information for Mr. Giese and others involved in this issue.

1. Maryland guidance: Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh provided guidance to local law-enforcement agencies (LEAs) in May 2017. See [http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Reports/Immigration\\_Law\\_Guidance.pdf](http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Reports/Immigration_Law_Guidance.pdf). According to Mr. Frosh's guidance: "Immigration detainers are requests only; local officers are not obligated to honor them." "LEAs face potential liability exposure if they honor ICE or CBP detainer requests unless the request is accompanied by a judicial warrant or supported by information providing probable cause that the subject of the detainer has committed a crime. . . . As an overriding principle, the government bears the burden of proving that the detention of someone beyond the person's State-law release date does not violate the Fourth Amendment and its Maryland counterpart." Based on this guidance, the Prince George's County Department of Corrections ignores ICE detainer requests unless there is an accompanying judicial warrant.

2. ICE mistakes: An individual might have an ICE record containing incorrect information in the NCIC database that is

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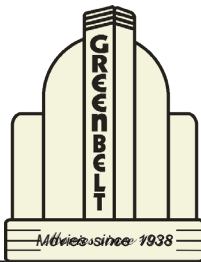
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All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, privacy, taste, copyright and clarity.



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Contractor SG, Inc. installs solar modules on the south-facing roof at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.



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## On Screen

## Honest Doubt, Bleak Hope

First Reformed director and writer Paul Schrader's finely etched exploration of a country priest's religious crisis, comes to the Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, June 8. Ethan Hawke plays the Calvinist minister Ernst Toller whose sparsely attended church keeps him busy selling trinkets to tourists at its gift shop rather than spreading the radical good news of Jesus. Toller's son has been killed fighting in Iraq, his marriage has cracked up – his drinking and depression increase exponentially.

Enter Mary (Amanda Seyfried), worried pregnant wife of Michael (Philip Ettinger), a tortured environmental activist considering an abortion for Mary and suicide for himself because of how humanity is creating a world not worth living in. Toller sincerely counsels Michael but is affected by his activist pessimism. Adding to Toller's woe is the wild success of the nearby megachurch Abundant Life, presided over by the buoyant, wealthy pastor (Cedric the Entertainer).

Schrader himself was raised in a strict Calvinist family and has been influenced by Ingmar Bergman, Luc Bresson, Carl Dreyer, three directors of deeply probing religious movies. One critic calls Hawke's effort "his most movingly crafted performance yet." Another critic calls First Reformed "a furious, agonized look at faith and skepticism that's as reverent as it is blasphemous."

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- Jim Link

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# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of June 11 are as follows:

Monday, June 11: Honey mustard chicken, scalloped potatoes, Harvard beets, wheat bread, sliced peaches, cranberry juice

Tuesday, June 12: Ten-grain breaded pollock, corn O'Brien, sliced carrots, dinner roll, tartar sauce, strawberry glazed fruit, orange juice

Wednesday, June 13: BBQ beef riblet, baked beans, hot spiced apples, coleslaw, wheat hamburger bun, grape juice

Thursday, June 14: Chicken shawarma, yellow rice, mixed fruit crisp, diced tomato salad, wheat pita bread, grape juice

Friday, June 15: Corn chowder, baked meatballs with marinara sauce, whole grain rotini, green beans, garlic breadstick, fresh fruit, cranberry juice



## Greenbriar Outreach Tour of Old Greenbelt

The Outreach Group at Greenbriar announces that their inaugural tour of Old Greenbelt will take place on Saturday, June 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. The Municipal Building, Community Center, Aquatic & Fitness Center, various attractions at the Roosevelt Center, police and fire stations and the animal shelter are some of the locations to be visited. Greenbriar residents interested in taking this tour should email their name, address and phone number to Jane Mullaney, janemullaney@yahoo.com. There are only a few spaces left, so reserve a seat now.

The Outreach Group at Greenbriar is a group of residents who have two goals. The primary goal is to come up with ways to make living in Greenbriar a better and happier experience. The secondary goal is to bridge the "Parkway Divide." Frequently the two goals overlap as is the case with this bus tour. The process used to ensure that all participants have an equal chance to hear and be heard was brought to Greenbriar by the Center for Dynamic Community Governance under a grant from the City of Greenbelt.

For more information about the Outreach Group, contact Jane Mullaney at the email address above or Angeline Butler at mollytops1@gmail.com. To join the exploration, come to the next meeting on Saturday, June 16 at 10:30 a.m. The group has recently transitioned to self-sufficiency after a year of guidance and practice. In celebration, a potluck picnic and meeting will be held at the picnic tables behind the Greenbriar Community Building (signs will show the way). Come join in, bring a dish to share and begin the exploration.

## GIVES Quarterly Meeting and Election

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will hold its quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 9 at 10 a.m. at the Community Center. At this meeting, a new vice president and treasurer will be elected. All members are encouraged to attend and be part of the decision-making process.

A report will also be presented on the Change the World Consulting Project at the University of Maryland in which GIVES participated. Four MBA candidates studied how GIVES operates and offered a plan to help the organization increase its ability to help others in the future.

New members are always welcome. For further information call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

## Star Party Observance Saturday, June 9

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, open to the public, on Saturday, June 9 at the City Observatory at Northway Fields. Attendees may see Jupiter and Saturn late in the evening, plus deep sky objects such as the Whirlpool Galaxy, Sombrero Galaxy, Great Globular Cluster in Hercules and the Ring Nebula, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. All are welcome to set up personal telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 9:30 p.m. and continue for about two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

## Boxwood Village Scholarship Deadline

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a resident of Boxwood Village. It is available to graduating high school seniors and full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students.

The application form should be completed and returned by June 30. A scholarship committee composed of five Boxwood Village residents will choose this year's recipient. For further information or to receive an application form, call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597 or Judy Ott at 301-474-0222.

## Dynamic Governance Peace Month Events

Two events come up this week as Greenbelt Peace Month continues. On Sunday, June 10, the annual Dynamic Community Governance Peace Day gathering starts at 1 p.m. in the Youth Center conference room. No registration is required; contact Aileen Kroll with any questions at aileen@dynamic-governance.org.

On Friday, June 15 at 7:30 p.m., there will be open readings and reflections on peace, hosted by Greenbelt Writers Group, in the Community Center. Light refreshments will be served. Contact Barbara Ford at barb.ford@comcast.net.

## At the New Deal

Sunday, June 10, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Deaf Group: Weekly Brunch Meeting. Deaf and hearing people socialize together using sign language. Newcomers welcome. Noon to 2 p.m., Jazz Brunch with the Not2Cool Jazz Trio. 7 to 9 p.m., Dan-N-Friends. Featuring Dan Steele from Covered With Jam, this collective features heavy funk grooves, crazy covers, high energy improvisation, swooping dynamics, awesome collaborations and epic jams.

Monday, June 11, no events.  
Tuesday, June 12, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Terri & the Back Alley Rhythm Cats. Roots rock & roll with a heavy dose of rockabilly, a smattering of country, and blues and early R&B added for extra flavor.

Wednesday, June 13, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Snakehead Run. Acoustic blues, string and jug band music from the 20s and 30s up to modern day with some original numbers thrown in.

Thursday, June 14, noon to 2 p.m., Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft. 7 to 10 p.m., Open Mic with James and Martha.

Friday, June 15, 2:30 to 4 p.m., Music Makers Jam Session. Bring instruments, voice and passion for making music together in a casual and supportive atmosphere. All ages and experiences are welcome to participate. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Urban Funk. Get down to the funk of James Brown and the groove of the Commodores, add some classics from Van Mo and you have Urban Funk, an energized synergy of soulful vocals, strong rhythms, vibrant keys and powerful saxophone.

Saturday, June 16, 1 to 3 p.m., Poetry Open Mic. Come express your inner beatnik through the spoken word. 4 to 6 p.m., Bruce Kritt, classical guitar. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Dance Little Sister. Playing The Rolling Stones dance hits, Dance Little Sister promises a memorable night of entertainment for Stones fans and enthusiasts of great live rock 'n' roll music.

## GHI Notes

Thursday June 7, 10:00 a.m. – Storm Water Management Task Force Meeting – Board Room

Thursday June 7, 7:45 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Monday June 11, 7:00 p.m. – Orientation Program for the 2018/19 Board of Directors – Board Room

Tuesday June 12, 7:00 p.m. – Board /Audit Committee Work-session – Board Room

Wednesday June 13, 7:00 p.m. – Member Outreach Committee Meeting – Board Room

Wednesday June 13, 7:30 p.m. Architectural Review Committee Meeting – Board Room

Friday June 15, OFFICE CLOSED - Emergency Maintenance Service available at 301-474-6011

More Community Events  
are located throughout  
the paper.

## New Dedication Date For Bus Stop Box

The celebration of the new box for magazines at the bus stop on the corner of Southway and Crescent Road was rained out and has been rescheduled. The new date and time are Saturday, June 9 at 10:30 a.m.

## Veterans Forum For County Executive

The American Legion Post 136 will host a Veterans Forum on Thursday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. for all candidates running for county executive, sponsored by the Prince George's County Commission for Veterans.

The purpose of the forum is to provide an opportunity for the veteran population of Prince George's County to learn about the candidates and conduct a question-and-answer session to address the needs and concerns of county veterans.

This forum is a free event with open seating. For more information, contact Brad Jewitt at 240-472-9848 or bjewitt@msn.com.

## Lancaster Bible College Open House

Lancaster Bible College/Capital Seminary and Graduate School will host an information session for prospective students interested in earning an accelerated undergraduate, graduate or seminary degree on Saturday, June 9 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the college's Greenbelt location, 7852 Walker Drive, Suite 100.

The college offers online and in-class programs at the undergraduate, master's and doctoral levels. Areas of study include biblical studies, counseling, leadership, Christian care and more.

One of three scholarships will be awarded at the event to someone in attendance. Attendees at the open house will have the opportunity to participate in a live classroom session and enjoy a continental breakfast.

## City Notes

Street Maintenance crews cleaned storm drains before the rainstorms.

Horticulture/Parks crews cleaned around the Greenbelt Station path before Saturday's dedication.

Public Works met with contractors about solar energy plans for the city.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 35.53 tons of refuse and 15.91 tons of recyclables. They attended the Chesapeake Conservation Corps Job Fair to recruit the next CCC member.

Youth Center/Springhill Lake/Greenbelt Kids hosted Mom's Morning Out students, who "graduated" on May 30 at the Old Greenbelt Theatre, giving special recognition to veteran preschool director Gaye Houchens.

At the Aquatic & Fitness Center, the Fitness Wing re-opened on Friday, May 25.

Arts programming at the Community Center included a mosaic workshop with artist Diane Elliott. The June 3 Artful Afternoon featured the Beech Tree Puppets.

Animal Control removed a bat from a home, received two stray kittens, removed a turtle from the road and took another to rehab, removed a groundhog carcass, moved a fledgling bird and hosted the Pet Expo. One dog and one cat were adopted.

## Computer Club Meets

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, June 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Community Center. Everyone is welcome to the discussions about the latest in computers, tablets and consumer electronics. Basic trouble-shooting advice for Windows computers and some for Apple iPad and iPhone is available.





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The cost of the project is \$168,982, \$161,152 for the play structures and \$7,830 for the fence surrounding it, according to documents obtained from the Department of Public Works. This does not include additional costs for the sidewalk that stretches from the Greenbelt Nursery School doors down to the new playground. The original cost estimate for the project was \$127,000, according to Moran.

The city first applied for funding for the project through a parks and playground program funded by the state of Maryland that has funded Greenbelt playgrounds in the past, Moran said, but that application was denied. Instead, Program Open Space, a Maryland Department of Natural Resources program, funded 75 percent of the project. The city covered the rest of the costs, with a small contribution from the Greenbelt Nursery School, which is housed in the adjacent Community Center building.

The new playground is almost entirely in the sun, unlike the old one, which was beneath a large willow oak tree. Despite the desirability of having a shaded play area, the new playground was intentionally moved away from

the trees. "Installation of new equipment involves heavy equipment and digging deep to install posts, and it is important not to interfere with the root structure of the tree," said Lisa Meyer, director of the Greenbelt Nursery School. Moran echoed that sentiment, adding that repeated foot traffic on the playground under the tree can compact the soil, which also can negatively impact the tree's health. Additionally, he said, moving it away from the tree eliminates the chance of branches falling on children while they play.

The Community Center playground is reserved for use by the Greenbelt Nursery School during school hours but is open to the public during other times. Meyer hopes that the new structure will have a positive impact on children throughout the community. "Hopefully the new playground will not only be one where children can be active and utilize their large muscles, but also provide other learning opportunities, particularly social and communication skills," Meyer said.

*Chris Rogers-Spatuzzi is a University of Maryland journalism student and the summer intern for the News Review.*

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There were also three interactive workshops. One was a game where questions were asked about various mental disorders, including any stigmas or false notions concerning them. A gift card was awarded to the first-place finisher. At another workshop, participants created drawings that reflected their self-assessed social identity, which they could explain to the group if they chose to become more open to others. The last workshop consisted of a survey on a range of topics related to mental health, which led to further discussion of the answers given by participants.

Cordero and Agoucha-Sam were encouraged by the interest shown and student turnout at the event. Cordero said she thought it was "pretty successful" and that it transpired smoothly for a first attempt, hoping this will be an annual event in future years. Agoucha-Sam felt "amazed" by the energy and participation.

BCR was formed in January and is under the aegis of the national Bring Change to Mind organization ([bringchange2mind.org](http://bringchange2mind.org)), a nonprofit "dedicated to encouraging dialogue about mental health, and to raising awareness, understanding and empathy." Cordero and several friends became sensitized to the struggles with anxiety and depression experienced by themselves and fellow students. This also connected with the frequent association of mental illness and

school violence. Cordero said the club's goal is "to advocate for the mental health of students and work together to deal with our stress." Agoucha-Sam stressed the need to be proactive and to bring attention to this issue before something tragic like a suicide or shooting happens.

BCR meetings take place every Thursday during the school year. Currently membership is around 20 students. Typical meetings include discussions about topics such as school safety policies and identifying triggers of school violence, as well as activities such as making self-care packages, where participants gather things that can bring comfort and ease to a stressful day, like bath balms and notebooks. BCR often partners with Raiders Rise Up, another club devoted to addressing school interpersonal issues, as it did at the recent Day of Solutions event.

Obituaries

Elsie Nyrop Forbes



PHOTO BY RAE BROOKS

Elsie Nyrop Forbes

Elsie Nyrop Forbes died on May 31, 2018. She was born December 7, 1917, in Nebraska. She moved to Greenbelt in 1986. She lived in University Square, then in Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and later with her daughter's family in Lakewood. She was active in the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club and later became active in the Golden Age Club. She also helped her grandson deliver the News Review in Lakewood for a few years. Due to several falls and dementia Mrs. Forbes had resided in a nursing home for the past five years, but she still attended many Greenbelt events.

She was such a friendly and memorable person that many employees at the Co-op and post office, as well as people who just knew her from her daily walks, would ask about her. She was a mother to seven children, grandmother to 15 and a great grandmother to many. She was a passionate advocate for those with no voice, fabulous cook, lover of all animals, naturalist with an incredible green thumb and a feisty spirit.

There will be a celebration of Mrs. Forbes' life on Sunday, June 24 at 4 p.m. at Buddy Attick Park. Meet at the peninsula, share fond memories and join in a walk around the lake.

A graveside burial was held on Monday, June 4 in Aquasco, Md. Memorial donations may be mailed to Holy Cross Adult Day Care made out to the Robert J. Grossman Scholarship Fund, in memory of Elsie Nyrop Forbes. The address is 9805 Dameron Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20902.

William Paul Byerly, Sr.

Greenbelter William Paul Byerly, Sr., age 69, died on Monday, June 4, 2018. He was married to Nancy Jean Byerly for 45 years.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Byerly is survived by brother Robert (Susan) Byerly; his children William Paul (Yvonne) Byerly, Jr., Jacqueline Ann Byerly and David Charles (Jaime) Byerly; grandchildren Gregory Thomas (fiancée Sabrina) Byerly, Thomas Scott Fink, Lily Eileen Plank and Alexander Cole Byerly; and great-grandchild Keegan Carter Byerly.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church on Thursday, June 7. Interment was at All Souls Cemetery, Germantown, Md.



Condolences to the family and friends of Elsie Forbes who died on May 31. Her delight in walking the lake path, rain or shine, was just one facet of her feisty spirit and will be celebrated at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 24.

Condolences also to the family and friends of William Paul Byerly, Sr., who died on June 4.

Sympathy to the family and friends of former Greenbelt resident Michael (Mike) Bates, who died unexpectedly at the end of May. He had recently retired from a distinguished career as an air traffic controller. He leaves behind a wife, Linda, two sons, Andy and Jim, and three grandchildren.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).

**Obituaries**

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

**Free Drop-in Grief Support Group**

Doctors Community Hospital will hold its monthly free Drop-in Grief Support Group meeting on Monday, June 11 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Critical Care Conference Room, 2nd floor at 8118 Good Luck Road.

This group provides supportive listening, sharing and psycho-educational resources to grieving. For more information or to register call 301-808-5671.

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Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**



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Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.  
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
Conservative and Reconstructionist





Read to Rover. Saturday, June 16, 2 p.m. Read to Rover is for children ages 6 to 11 to help them build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs. Each child will read for 15 minutes. This event is presented every third Saturday of each month. Registration recommended; call the branch at 301-345-5800 for more information.

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## *City Information*

***The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.***



Featuring the 80th anniversary performance of Betty Smith's *What Are You Going To Be?*

The Greenbelt Museum and Greenbelt Recreation present a program of lively scenes and songs from shows created by the WPA's Federal Theatre during Greenbelt's first years, with commentary by host Chris Cherry. Betty Smith's one-act play, presented 80 years ago by the Greenbelt Players, will be performed.



Kinder Camp, Camp Pine Tree, Creative Kids Camp, Camp YOGO & Performance Camp.

**Camps available June 18 through August 24**

**See our Camp Guide at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation).  
Call 301-397-2200 for more information.**

At its regular meeting of June 4, 2018, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2019, thereby approving expenditures as follows:

General Fund	\$29,983,200
Building Capital Reserve Fund	441,000
Cemetery Fund	0
Debt Service Fund	921,200
Replacement Fund	490,200
Special Projects Fund	480,800
Green Ridge House	1,493,100
Capital Projects Fund	3,540,600
2001 Bond Fund	0
Community Development Block Grant Fund	128,200
Greenbelt West Fund	1,086,000

Copies of the adopted budget document will be available for examination no later than September 2018 at the City Offices at 25 Crescent Road and on the Greenbelt Website ([www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)).

**Old Greenbelt Theatre, 129 Centerway**  
**Monday, June 25, 7:00pm-9:15pm, FREE**

The film adaptation of Betty Smith's famous novel was the directing debut of Elia Kazan, and it stars Dorothy McGuire, along with James Dunn and Peggy Ann Garner, both of whom won Academy Awards for their performances. Prior to writing the novel, Smith had sketched its protagonist and her family in a one-act play written for the Federal Theatre Project, which was performed in Greenbelt in 1938, (see above). Greenbelters who attend both the play and the film will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to compare the earlier and later works.

**Saturday, June 9 from 10am-12noon**  
**Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road**




Questions? Contact Environmental  
Coordinator, Jason Martin  
jmartin@greenbeltmd.gov

**6101 Cherrywood Lane. Activity # 343400-1. Ages 15-18,  
Greenbelt Residents: FREE/ Non-residents: \$20**

Create your own 12" square art panel using spray paint and an acrylic sheet. Learn about color, masking, paint-handling, and how to extend your ideas into an edge-to-edge composition. All styles welcome. All materials provided. NEW INSTRUCTOR Shaymar Higgs is a multi-media Greenbelt artist who draws inspiration from graffiti art, skateboard culture and the long history of American quilting. Info: 301-397-2208

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Summer Programs  
Starting Soon!**  
Check out our  
Summer 2018 Activity  
Guide for more  
details!

Explore our Activity Guide for lots of options for all ages and interests. We offer seasonal special events and varied recreation facilities and classes to provide opportunities for community celebrations, a chance to learn something new or improve your skills in an activity you enjoy, all while socializing and staying active!

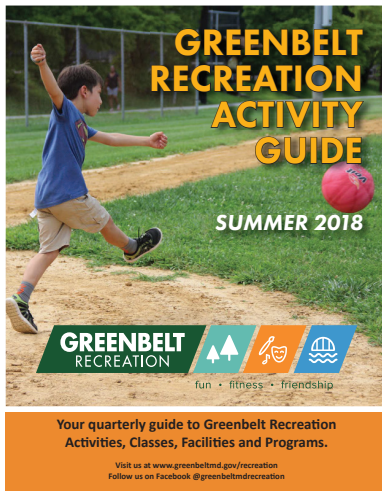


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Your quarterly guide to Greenbelt Recreation Activities, Classes, Facilities and Programs.

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**Please visit our website, stop by a recreation center  
or give us a call at 301-397-2200 for more information.  
[www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation)**



Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

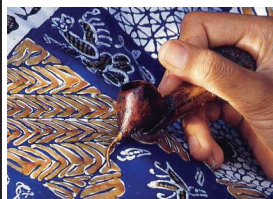
**There are currently vacancies on:**  
Advisory Committee of Education, Advisory Planning Board,  
Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Ethics Commission,  
Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on  
Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board,  
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and Youth Advisory Committee.

For information on how to apply: 301-474-8000

## Greenbelt Recreation Invites you!

Springhill Lake Recreation Center  
June 15, 2018 from 5:00pm-7:00pm  
Ages: 6-14 years and parents/guardians  
Roller-skates provided free of charge  
or bring your own.

Call 301-397-2212 or 301-397-2200 for more information.



**353221-1**

**Saturday, June 16 & Sunday, June 17**  
**11:00am-3:00pm**

**Greenbelt Community Center, Room 113**  
Batik is an ancient Indonesian technique of using hot wax and natural dyes and drawn patterns on fabric. In this introduction you will learn the history of batik fabrics and the connection to the tools and techniques used to create it. Each participant will design a 2 foot square piece of fabric (and baby quilts!) using traditional Indonesian techniques, hot wax, and indigo. This class is perfect for those who enjoy repetitive, meditative art practices like quilting and beading which require a high level of focus and a good portion of time.

**Ages 12+, R: \$152, NR: \$198**  
**Instructor: Omolara Williams McAllister**  
***Call 240-542-202 for more information.***



# Weekend Rains Topple Large Elm In Lakewood



A tree service works to remove the fallen tree.

Drenching rains over the first weekend of June overflowed storm drains in Lakewood and toppled at least one big tree.

The Rankels on Orange Court said goodbye to their favorite swing tree, an old but healthy elm that fell over and landed on their screen porch.

“We think it has just been too wet and her roots pulled up and she came down, hugging our house one last time,” said Lauren Rankel.

Water covered much of the corner of Greenhill Road and Crescent Road, according to Peter Rankel. So much water was flowing through the storm drain that the manhole cover was bobbing up and down.



Water flowing through the storm drain causes a manhole cover to lift.



A crane lifts giant limbs out of the yard.

## Baseball Standings And Schedule

The Greenbelt Youth Baseball standings as of June 3 are as follows:

Giants: 12-1  
Indians: 10-2-1  
O’s: 6-4-1  
Cardinals: 4-7  
Cubs: 3-7  
Tigers: 0-11

The playoff schedule for June 11 through June 16 follows:

Monday, June 11, 6 p.m., 5 vs. 4  
Tuesday, June 12, 6 p.m., 6 vs. 3  
Wednesday, June 13, 6 p.m., 4 vs. 5  
Thursday, June 14, 6 p.m., 3 vs. 6  
Friday, June 15, 6 p.m., 5 vs. 4 (if necessary)  
Saturday, June 16, 11 a.m., 6 vs. 3 (if necessary)

All games are played at McDonald Field.

## College Park Church Has Free Film

The College Park Arts Exchange and movies@hope presents An Inconvenient Sequel on Friday, June 8 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

David Goodrich, former head of NOAA’s Climate Observations and Monitoring Program and current board member of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, will introduce this compelling follow-up to the groundbreaking 2007 documentary on climate change, An Inconvenient Truth. This showing will take place at Hope Lutheran Church at 4201 Guilford Drive, College Park. Admission and refreshments are free.

## Dave Hiles Your Voice Inside the Democratic Party

“I started bringing change in high school, when I successfully petitioned for a school bus route for my underserved neighborhood.

I've brought change as an ACORN canvasser, as the first president of PG Soccer, Inc., and as a city council member in Riverdale Park and Hyattsville.

I'm a Bernie supporter and an active member of Democratic Socialists of America.

I'll work for Medicare for All and The People's Platform.”



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Sample ballot

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District 22**  
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Distrito 22  
Vote hasta por 2

- ☐ Patrick Gallaher
- ☐ Stephanie D. Hicks
- ☒ David Hiles
- ☐ Emmett V. Jordan
- ☐ Richard Schumaker

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- ✓ Medicare for All
- ✓ College for All
- ✓ \$15 Minimum Wage
- ✓ Women’s Healthcare Rights
- ✓ Automatic Voter Registration
- ✓ Ending Private Prisons
- ✓ Wall Street Tax
- ✓ 100% Renewable Energy



# The Sorrows and Triumphs Of Dolores at Reel & Meal

by Jim Link

Those of us of a certain age well remember Cesar Chavez and his Farm Workers Movement during the turbulent 1960s. But who among us remembers Dolores Huerta? This extraordinary warrior woman was brought out of the shadows and given her proper accolades in a riveting documentary shown at the New Deal Café's Reel and Meal program on Monday, May 21.

Peter Bratt's Dolores is a righteous piece of historical importance, which traces Huerta's shrewd, relentless activism from 1962, when she founded the United Farm Workers of America (UFW) with the assistance of Cesar Chavez – not the other way around – to 2007, when Barack Obama presented to her the Medal of Freedom at the age of 87.

Huerta's reputation languished for a variety of reasons. Mexican machismo is uncomfortable with a woman at the helm of a risky, even dangerous social movement. Chavez seemed a better fit as the visible symbol of the UFW. Also Huerta was the mother of seven involved in a messy divorce and who frequently left her home and children to do union work. She remarried and had four more children. A peripatetic, female, nominally Catholic union organizer with 11 children spread over two marriages was not seen as an appropriate optic for the UFW.

Chavez was no publicity hound, though. He credited Huerta all along. "She has the faith, the pride, the skills, the knowledge" to do this kind of men's work. "Cesar, why do you have so many women around you?" one interviewer asked. "Because they do all the work," Chavez answered.

Through more than 50 years of organizing, agitating, protesting, marching and boycotting, Huerta and her UFW comrades influenced the feminist, Chicano and Filipina movements, as well as the civil rights movement. It was both electric and wistful to see James Brown chanting, "Say it loud, I'm black and I'm proud!" and to see the formerly fiery Angela Davis, a little thicker in the waist and with gray streaked hair – as aren't we all? – say "We totally thought that we could change the world."

After the successful grape boycott, one organizer said that "For the first time we realized that we were the architects of our own destiny." Bittersweet images saturate the documentary, Gloria Steinem, Carlos Santana, Gov. Ronald Reagan, Richard Nixon and Joan Baez, among others. After winning the California Democratic Primary, a jubilant Bobby Kennedy declared, "On to Victory!" and was dead within

an hour. The posters were memorable: Boycott Grapes!, Brown is Beautiful! and Revolution Starts With Self Love.

As he draped the Medal of Freedom around Huerta's neck, Obama generously conceded that "I stole your slogan, 'Si, se puede!'" for my presidential run, "Yes, we can!" Huerta emphasized that the struggle for human rights is also a struggle for memory, memory that emancipates.

The post-movie discussion was moderated by Peter Jones, a UFW fundraiser, musician and songwriter. Alicia Deligianis asked, "Shouldn't this movie be in the curriculum?" Denise Riley of the American Federation of Teachers commented that "Sure, everyone wants it, but the money isn't there. It would take a real movement to make that happen." One woman in the audience declared that "Everything is connected; the elephant in the room

is the lack of public health care for the poor and disenfranchised. That is the root of their misery." Another woman declared that "We need comprehensive data on census questionnaires to affect positive environmental change and social justice." Yet another woman with a limited income and inadequate health care declared: "I don't want to make a decision about whether I will eat today or take my medicine."

The evening was sponsored by the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition (especially Donna Hoffmeister and Lucy Duff). The cooks for the delicious vegan meal were Frank Gervasi, Alicia Deligianis and Vanessa Harris. Volunteers included Joy Allchin, Lynda Deloach, Michael Travis, John Klilnovsky, Marj Donn and Lucy Duff. The next Reel and Meal film is The Nuns, the Priests and the Bombs on Monday, June 18.

## Butterfly Garden



PHOTO BY ANNE WALLACE

Butterfly weed in the butterfly garden at Springhill Lake Elementary School



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Sources: Alsobrooks flyer; Pinsky newsletters

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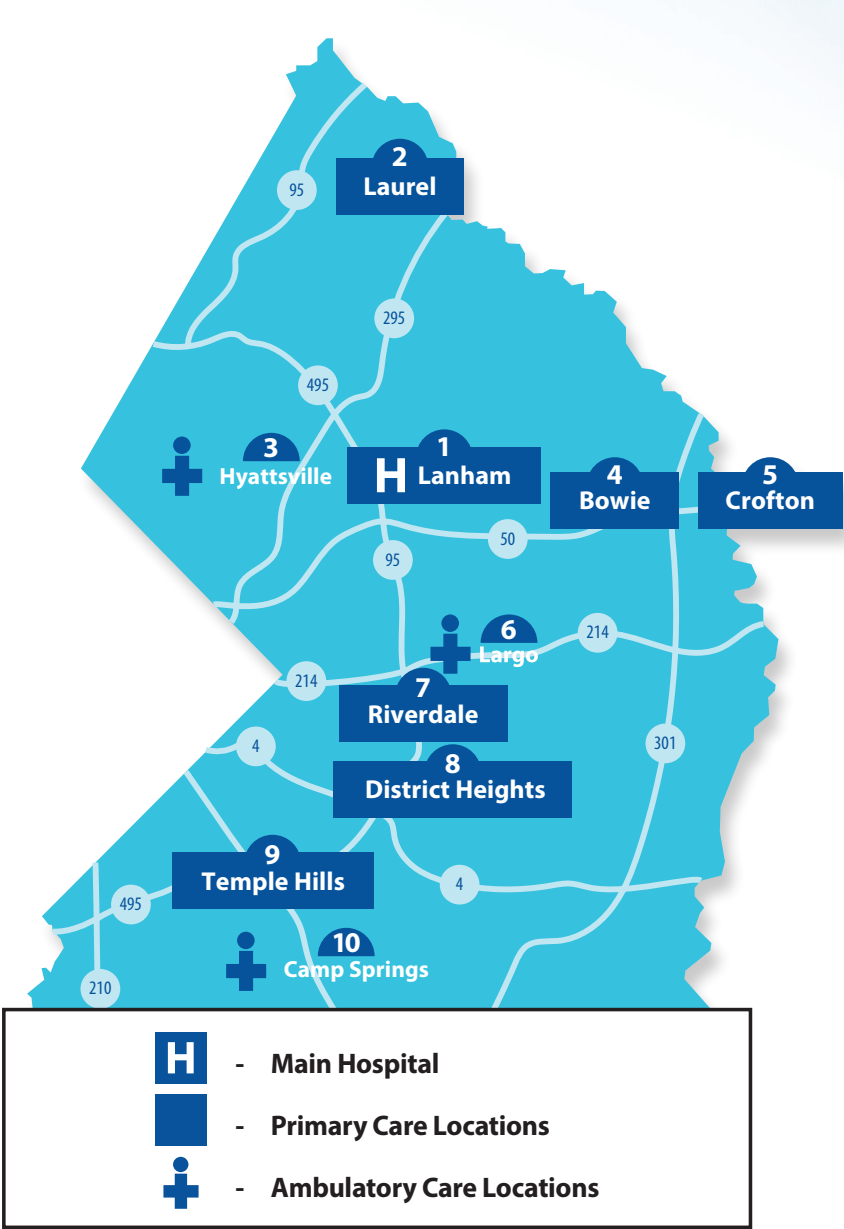




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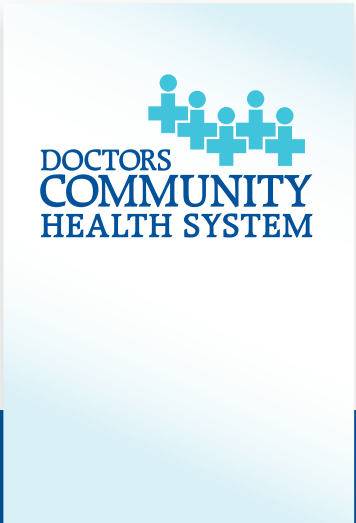
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- Health Center **3**
- Imaging Services **1 6**
- Infusion Care **1**
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- Radiation Oncology **1 4**
- Rehabilitation Program **1 4 10**
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# St. Joseph's Hosts Second Breakfast with Badges

by Joelle Taylor



Breakfast, badges and blessings were abundant at St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School on Friday, May 4, as local police, fire and EMS professionals joined the students and administration at the school's second annual Breakfast with Badges. St. Joseph's is the parish school for St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church and serves students in Greenbelt, Beltsville and Laurel.

Breakfast with Badges was started last year by Marianne Schwenz, the outgoing president of the school's Home and School Association and mother of two St. Joseph's graduates. Schwenz's brother-in-law, Deputy Force Commander Jason C. Schwenz, born and raised in Beltsville, was killed in the line of duty while responding to a loud noise complaint in Queen Anne's County in 2001. Her goal is to host an event to honor the brave men and women who serve the school's community while providing an opportunity for the students to interact with local first responders in a positive setting.

Monsignor Karl Chimiak, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Catholic chaplain to the Prince George's County Police Department, began the event in the parking lot with a special prayer and a Blessing of the Fleet (patrol cars, motorcycles and fire trucks). This special blessing is performed every year during Police Week. Next, Chimiak led the entire school in prayer to keep all first responders safe. Student safety patrols then escorted the more than 30 officers into the school for breakfast and presentations by students, officials and guest speaker Lieutenant Colonel Mark J. (Rocky) Roccapriore, assistant sheriff of Prince George's County. Other special guests included several Maryland state

Students from St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School enjoy breakfast with local police, fire and emergency services personnel.

- Photos by Marianne Schwenz and Janine Bertolotti



troopers from Barracks Q in College Park and Laurel's chief of police, Richard McLaughlin, who is a graduate of St. Joseph's school. McGruff the Crime Dog also made an appearance.

St. Joseph's principal, Dr. Janine Bertolotti, expressed the school's gratitude to its guests with these words, "Like other first responders across the country, these men, women and their families share a commitment to something larger than themselves. Their display of heroism is echoed in 2 Timothy 1:7 which states, 'For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.' These fine ladies and gentlemen here today are exemplary displays of this fortitude and love."

Eighth-grade students served a continental breakfast to the first responders and school students, while students and officers sat together

and talked about careers in law enforcement, summer vacation and everything in-between. Each guest left with handmade cards made by the students, certificates of appreciation and goodie bags full of treats.

Second-grade student Sarah T. said she was impressed to see so many female officers in attendance, while fifth graders Jayson F. and Timi A. could not wait for breakfast to end so they could sit in a real fire truck.

After breakfast, students had an opportunity to explore the police vehicles and motorcycles and turn on the sirens. Fire officials also assisted the students in putting on their protective clothing and helmets and turning on the fire engine lights.

Students and faculty look forward to hosting the event next year and waved goodbye as the guests left in their vehicles to return to work.



# Council Considers Short-term Rentals, Tax Rates, Evictions

by Diane Oberg

At its May 29 regular meeting the Greenbelt City Council considered addressing Greenbelt residents' use of short-term rental services such as Airbnb, approved the city's comments on the county's proposed subdivision regulations prepared by the Department of Planning and Community Development, and heard an update on how the city was responding to the woman living on various benches near the Municipal Building.

## Short-Term Rentals

This item was put on the agenda by Councilmember Colin Byrd who said it was in response to a direct request from the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition. He moved that council direct the city manager to have the city solicitor draft an ordinance regulating short-term rentals by 1) requiring a unit to be owner-occupied, 2) requiring the unit owner to register with the City of Greenbelt as a rental, and 3) requiring the unit to receive health and safety inspections as a rental.

Byrd received no support for his motion, with comments from council members that the motion was premature and simplistic, that the city needs to hear from both sides and that council needs to work out whether or how to regulate short-term rentals prior to drafting legislation.

Acting Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby had further bad news for those wanting to regulate short-term rentals. She informed council that the county does not currently permit such rentals. She cautioned council against regulating a non-permitted use. She did note that the county views short-term rentals as an important industry to permit and regulate and is working on legislation to permit them. The county's perspective is that permitting them could provide an opportunity for people to stay in their homes longer by bringing in extra income.

While the city does permit renting one room of a residence, that provision only applies to persons who are immediate family

of the homeowner, she said.

After this discussion, Byrd rescinded his motion. Councilmember Silke Pope, who has used short term rentals while on travel, said they could be very useful. Councilmember Judith Davis pointed out that Airbnb is not the only facilitator of short-term rentals and said that all such companies should be considered if council decides to regulate Greenbelt residents' involvement in this industry. Mayor Emmett Jordan cautioned against creating a perception that council is hostile towards this industry and that whatever action the city takes must also be fair to hotels.

## City Tax Rates

Council held two public hearings during the council meeting. By law, any time a city is proposing to increase tax revenues, even if it is not proposing to raise the tax rate, it must hold a public hearing. Resident Brian Ott noted that he had no specific comment or objection but said that Greenbelt has one of the highest tax rates in the state. He asked council to consider that the key is looking at expenditures to keep tax rates reasonable.

The News Review contacted City Treasurer Jeff Williams who could not confirm Ott's statement. However, he noted that when comparing Greenbelt's tax rates to other cities, it is important to ensure that the services provided are equivalent. Other municipalities may not have their own police force, for example.


Jordan said that council was proposing to keep the tax rate unchanged.

Jordan next opened the public hearing on the budget. No one requested time to speak.

## Evictions

Bill Orleans called on council to become more involved with evictions from Green Ridge House. While he felt that a recent eviction was appropriate, he noted that the city solicitor responded to a previous petition by saying that there was no formal policy regarding evictions. He called for the adoption of

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## Newspaper Container Dedication Celebration

Saturday June 9 at 10:30 A.M.

At the corner of Southway and Crescent Road

Join us as we celebrate, picnic style.

Bring a blanket or chair to sit on.

Enjoy music, sweet tea and delicious refreshments from Chef Lou and Penny Smith bakery.

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# Unpaved Part of Ridge Road Is a Rare Historic Byway

by James Giese

*This is the first of a five-part series of articles about historic roads in the Greenbelt area. The primary sources for information for these articles are internet-accessible maps at the Library of Congress website: a circa 1861 map, Martinet's Map of Prince George's County by Simon J. Martinet, C.E., <https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3843p.la000302/>; and county and Vansville District maps found in an 1878 Atlas of Prince George's County and also in an 1879 atlas of fifteen miles around Washington, including the county of Montgomery, Maryland, both by G. M. Hopkins, C.E., <https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3850m.gct00186/?st=gallery>.*

## A Rare Road

Located partly within Greenbelt is one of a very few historic county roads that remains unpaved and looks much as it may have looked a hundred or more years ago. That road is Ridge Road between Ivy Lane and Lastner Lane. Shown on a map made over 150 years ago and another published 17 years later, the road could very well have existed long before then. The unpaved portion of Ridge lies behind homes in Boxwood Village in central Greenbelt and is partly within the Greenbelt city limits and partly in an unincorporated area next to the city's northern border. The road presently provides access to one



Old Ridge Road near Lastner Lane

property outside the city limits and to a water tank.

Other roads within the city are also shown on these maps but are paved and otherwise modified. They are Ridge Road from Lastner Lane to Laurel Hill Road, possibly Laurel Hill Road, Edmonston Road from Greenbelt Road to Springhill Court in Greenbelt West and Greenbelt Road (Branchville Road in 1878).

Although not a completely accurate survey, the circa 1861 Martinet's Map of Prince George's County gives us a glimpse of where the roads, homes and businesses near Greenbelt were 157 years ago.

Many of the roads shown on that map remained unchanged 17 years later as depicted in the 1878 atlas for Prince George's County and, using the same county maps, the 1879 atlas depicting the area 15 miles around Washington, including Montgomery County, both by G. M. Hopkins, C.E. It, too, also depicts residences and businesses. That atlas appears to reflect more accurate surveys than the 1861 map.

## Colonial Roads?

The maps show that many modern roads in Prince George's

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# Hands-on Batik Workshop Offered Next Weekend

by Amanda Demos Larsen

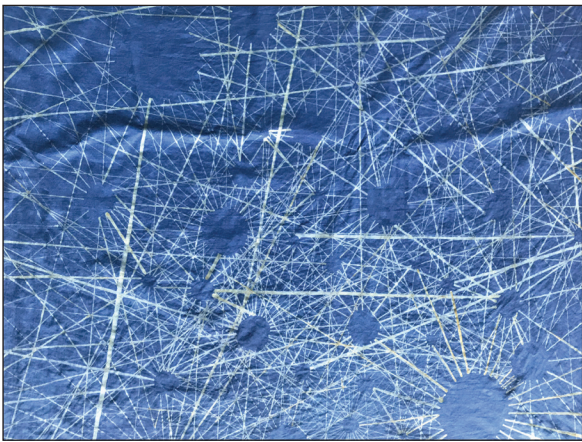
Artist Omolara Williams McCallister will bring the art of batik to the Community Center for a two-day workshop on June 16 and 17. McCallister has traveled extensively to learn the art of batik. In 2016, she visited Lagos, Nigeria to learn about the history and application of the technique there. Additionally, this year she spent six weeks intensively studying batik with master craftsmen in Jogjakarta, Indonesia, the birthplace of batik.

Batik is a method of decorating fabric, using wax resist and dye. The artist draws a design onto fabric with a tjanting tool filled with melted wax, similar to a fountain pen for wax. Once the design is all drawn in wax, the fabric is dyed and washed. When the wax is removed, the hand-drawn pattern remains.

In McCallister's workshop, students will learn the history of batik fabrics and experiment with the tools and techniques used to make

them. Each participant will design a two-foot square piece of fabric using traditional Indonesian bating tools, hot wax and indigo. Batik is a wonderful art form for people who enjoy meditative art practices.

The workshop will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 16 and Sunday, June 17. This workshop is appropriate for ages 12 and up. Advance registration is required, and there is a cost to participate. For information call 301-397-2056 or stop by the Community Center main office. For more information about the workshop contact Amanda Demos Larsen at 240-542-2062 or [alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov). The workshop is produced by Greenbelt Recreation Arts.



This batik artwork by Omolara Williams McCallister is called Genderverse.

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– The Editorial Board. “Angela Alsobrooks for Prince George’s County Executive.”  
The Washington Post, May 26, 2018.

# The first Candidate to stand up against Maglev

## No Benefit to the County

“I am 100% opposed to the Maglev project. Our priority should be funding and improving the Metro system, bus service, and the “Metro Access” program.”

– **Angela Alsobrooks**



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County follow roads in existence before the Civil War that possibly date back to colonial times. However, most old roads have been so greatly modified and improved that they have become unrecognizable as being historic. Still, some two-lane roads closely follow their original road beds and have been only slightly changed by paving and widening.

Modern roads connecting former colonial plantations and farms to early ports on the Anacostia, Potomac and Patuxent Rivers are likely to date to the colonial era. Before the advent of automobiles, rural roads went from one place to the next, possibly connecting one farm to another or to a small community. These individual segments joined together to become a network of roads enabling one to go longer distances. Thus, some county roads of today that bear multiple names (such as Md. 193: University Boulevard, Greenbelt Road, Glenn Dale Boulevard and Enterprise Road) were once unconnected road segments that are now joined together.

Travelling these roads was not easy. They were unpaved, often made of dirt that could turn to mud or become rutted and bumpy. The roads crossed streams, often without a bridge. They took the easiest way over hill and dale.

Construction

At first, some roads were probably just foot, then horse, trails. Later they became double ruts made by carts, wagons and carriages. With greater usage, the roads were improved and wid-

ened with shovels, pick axes and horse- or oxen-drawn graders. As needed, fill dirt and gravel were added to improve frequently traveled roads. Sand and gravel were plentiful in the county with gravel the most common road surfacing material in the 19th century.

The unpaved section of Ridge Road has a gravel surface.

Later, water-bound macadam (crushed stone of various sizes compacted with a roller and bound by a layer of stone dust) was developed for road construction by an Englishman named McAdam and then even later the macadam was sealed with oil or liquid tar – tarmac – to provide an all-weather, dust-free surface.

In cities, important streets were paved with cobblestones, brick or cut stone. That may have taken care of the mud and dust from dirt, but not from horse droppings, which were soupy messes when fresh and thick dust once dried. Hence, cities began to sweep streets regularly.

Portland cement and bituminous asphalt concrete were not used for pavement until the 20th century and the advent of the automobile. Automobiles also caused old roads to be realigned and levelled for more comfortable and speedier travel and new roads to be built.

1861

The 1861 Martinet Map of Prince George’s County depicts roads and dwellings as they were at the start of the Civil War. By far, the major crop grown in the county then was tobacco, which required intensive hand labor, one

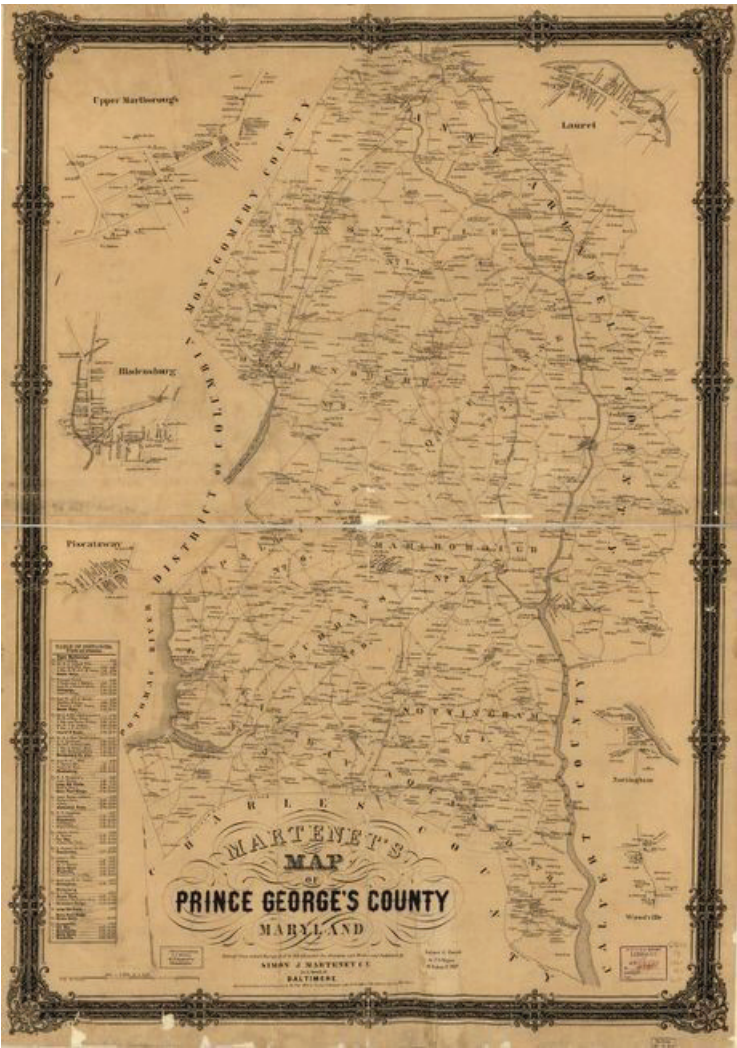
reason for the slave-based farm economy. But other farm staples such as wheat and corn were also grown. The harvested crops were hauled by cart to the port towns to be loaded onto waiting boats for shipment to buyers.

The population of Prince George’s County in 1860 was over 23,000, with more than half being African-American, according to statistics provided by Alan Virta in Prince George’s County, a Pictorial History. Of the 2,000 white families, 850 were slave holders. Half of those owned fewer than 10 slaves and 145 families owned just one. There were 1,198 free African-Americans according to the 1860 census, Virta relates.

Virta also reported that there were 50 large plantations where the white family owned more than 50 slaves. Some of these plantation homes, such as Riversdale, Montpelier, Marietta, Darnell’s Chance and Bel Aire, still stand.

The 1879 atlas lists an 1870 census population for the county of 21,138, a slight decline from 1860. That put the county at about mid-size in population for Maryland counties and slightly larger than Montgomery County.

According to Virta, the residents of this county demonstrated in three separate elections their support of staying in the Union, even though they sympathized with Southern Secessionists and were strongly pro-slavery. However, as the Civil War proceeded, and Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, the county’s population probably became more



Martinet’s Map of Prince George’s County, Maryland (circa 1861)

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supportive of secession, but by then Union forces prevented that from happening.



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checked during a traffic stop. ICE has made mistakes and has even detained hundreds of United States citizens over the last few years! The involvement of a judge, independent of ICE, reduces the chance of detention resulting from mistaken identity, false accusation, or improper or inadequate investigation.

3. The oath: Greenbelt police officers and other Greenbelt officials take an oath to support the United States Constitution and the constitution and laws of Maryland. The oath does not obligate the city to honor ICE detainer requests. The U.S. Constitution's Fourth and Tenth amendments and related case law provide good reasons for Greenbelt to ignore ICE detainer requests without an accompanying judicial warrant or probable cause that a crime was committed. All individuals present in the United States, regardless of citizenship, have rights under the United States Constitution, including the Fourth Amendment. Unauthorized presence in the United States is not a violation of Maryland law and is not necessarily a federal criminal offense, but instead in many cases may be a violation of federal civil law. See Mr. Frosh's guidance and *Arizona v. United States* (2012) and *Santos v. Frederick County Board of Commissioners* (4th Cir. 2013). Also, based on the Tenth Amendment and related cases, the federal government cannot require state and local governments to enforce or implement a federal responsibility, nor is the federal government allowed to punish a state or local government for not enforcing or implementing a federal responsibility. See the Tenth Amendment case law cited in Mr. Frosh's guidance, such as *New York v. United States* (1992) and *Printz v. United States* (1997).

I hope the information above will resolve Mr. Giese's concerns. Let's hope Greenbelt officials will soon revise the city's policy regarding ICE detainer requests, so that ICE detainer requests are honored only when accompanied by a judicial warrant or probable cause that a crime has been committed.

Jeff Harrison

City Should Decide

I am writing to respond to Jim Giese's letter stating that Greenbelt must comply with "the law of the land" regarding ICE detainees, and that the city should not take a position on "state, national or international issues that do not relate to the governing of Greenbelt."

Regarding the law of the land, to my knowledge there is no federal law that requires local jurisdictions to enforce ICE detainees. Greenbelt is legally free to join other municipalities in refusing to hand its residents over to the federal government for deportation proceedings.

I believe that this issue very much relates to the governing of Greenbelt. As a municipality, we can and should determine what kind of a community we want to be, how we want to respond to the immigration and refugee crisis and how we stand on the federal government's attempt to force us to assist them in implementing dangerous immigration policies that are ripping loved ones apart

and separating parents and children. We need to ask ourselves as individuals and as a community, do we want to be complicit in causing harm to our neighbors and people passing through our community? I know I don't.

I value Greenbelt as a place where we grapple with hard questions and work together to create the community we want to live in. Our city council has the capacity to stand with other municipalities against inhumane policies and practices. I hope they will do what's right.

Cynthia Newcomer

Request is Not a Law

In her article, Council Discusses City Police Interaction Policy with ICE, the reporter correctly states that, "A detainer requests . . . ." During the city council meeting, Greenbelt's own lawyer stated that complying with an ICE detainer was optional as it was a request from federal authorities. In his letter to the editor, Mr. Giese, suggested that not complying with a detainer was against the law. He is completely wrong.

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 4 of the Constitution provides that only the federal government can regulate immigration. From the Passenger Cases in 1849 to *Arizona v. United States* in 2012, the Supreme Court has ruled that immigration is the responsibility of the federal government. States and municipalities are allowed to make rules involving immigrants where there are no federal laws (see *Decans v. Bica*), but enforcement of federal laws is not one of these areas.

States can enter into agreements with the federal government to enforce federal laws (these are called 287(g) agreements), but Maryland and Prince George's County have limited their participation to exclude ICE detainees and, even if either honored ICE detainees, it would involve the state or county government, not the City of Greenbelt enforcement officers.

Enforcement of federal laws is a federal responsibility. It is not a local responsibility. That is why there are customs and border patrol agents whose job it is to enforce federal immigration laws. It would be inappropriate for the State of Maryland to investigate the President for a federal offense (no matter how much Maryland may wish to do so); that is the job of federal authorities. By the same token, it is not the responsibility of the City of Greenbelt to enforce federal immigration laws. The city can support federal enforcement at its discretion.

The suggestion that the city does not need to put its policy in writing is unfair to everyone (all police policies should be and are in writing). We love our police and don't want them hanging in the wind on this issue. The fact that the city does hold individuals in response to an ICE detainer is chilling. It is not welcoming. It is important to note that a detainer is an administrative notice, not anything issued by a judge – we are definitely talking about a lack of probable cause – if there was a reasonable suspicion of criminal guilt, then a warrant could and should be obtained. In fact, the 4th Amendment to the Constitution requires that people not be

held without probable cause. Brian Frosh, the Maryland Attorney General, has told Maryland State Police not to hold people on the basis of an ICE detainer because it is not probable cause.

The City of Greenbelt has pledged to, in part, "foster a community which is respectful, safe, and fair for all people." Let us join the entire state of California, the Maryland Attorney General and Prince George's County in not supporting ICE detainees without a warrant. Let us actually be a community that is welcoming and instead of just fostering, actually is a community which is respectful, safe, and fair for all people.

William Fishburne

Thanks To Responsive City Employees

One of the great things about Greenbelt is that city employees really listen to what residents say, and then do everything they can to facilitate the issue. And "everything" includes some awesome knowledge and expertise.

Such was the experience of the Outreach Group at Greenbriar when we approached Assistant City Manager David Moran and Community Resource Advocate Christal Batey for advice and help in putting together a tour of Old Greenbelt for Greenbriar residents, especially our newbies. The Outreach Group is composed of residents who want to explore ideas for making living at Greenbriar a better and happier experience. We discovered that many residents didn't know how to access city services because they didn't know where to find them, so the idea of a bus tour of the city was formed. Not only were Mr. Moran and Ms. Batey instrumental in pointing us in the right direction to gather information, but Mr. Moran personally liaised with various departments to ensure that we could use one of the city's shuttles for the tour, and the driver was included. Since our group is entirely volunteer and has no dues, this was a make-or-break development. In addition Mr. Moran is providing welcome packets and a tour guide to be sure this project is an outstanding success.

Thanks for all the help and enthusiastic encouragement.

Jane Mullaney, Angeline Butler, Iona King, Leslie Cum-

ings for the Outreach Group at Greenbriar

Irresponsible Reporting

I was appalled and insulted by the choice of words in the article "City Installs Armrests On Three Park Benches." I dare anyone to explain how these devices can allow for resting one's arms. They are sleeping prevention devices, and to call them otherwise is at best disingenuous and at worst lying to your readers. And don't use the excuse that this is the term used by city government, because then you are perpetuating a lie of the government. I expect more from an independent newspaper.

Nathan Rich

Turtle Rescue

Today, Sunday, June 3, the rain was exceptionally hard causing flooding on many streets and roads. I was returning home from the Farmers Market and the Cop on Crescent Road when I saw a police car on the right-hand shoulder and another car on the opposite shoulder facing the other direction. I slowed down and stopped when I saw the police officer and another person standing under umbrellas in the center of the road while a third person grabbed a large shovel from the car and scooped something up from the center of the road. I saw the two from the car carrying a large (shovel-sized) snapping

turtle through a deep rainwater river to the other side of the road where they put the turtle in the bushes.

It was nice to see people taking time and helping the turtle. Although the turtle was large it would have been either run over or possibly injured while getting swept away by the rain. Thanks, turtle rescuers!

Kathryn Beard

Local Paper Fosters Greenbelt Sprit

Last Sunday, my husband left his skateboard in the parking lot at the Greenbelt skateboard park (a senior moment) so I placed an ad in the News Review last Tuesday.

We got a phone call yesterday that it had been found! They saw the ad and when we collected it they refused to take a reward. I asked them if I could take a photo for the News Review to accompany my letter but they didn't want the publicity. Also, my husband is a tad embarrassed that he left it down there. Too bad, because it would have made a lovely happy-ending story.

Anyway, it is a great example of the true spirit of Greenbelt – well, not the part about leaving your precious toys around, but of people helping people, a great local paper and kindness.

All thanks to the Greenbelt News Review!

Sally Davis

Homeschool Art



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Homeschoolers Adeine, Humza, Nora, Dahlia, Izzy and Kellen enjoy their last day of Greenbelt Recreation's geometry and art class, taught by Leah Cohen at the Community Center.

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

**Robbery**  
May 24, 1:07 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man advised that on May 19 at approximately 10 p.m., he was leaving Beltway Plaza when as many as four men approached him. One punched him in the face, which caused him to drop his wallet. Another grabbed it and they all fled on foot. The man was treated for a broken nose. No reason was given for the delay in reporting the incident.

**Assault**  
May 25, 6:45 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane. A person at the Shell Food Mart was approached by a man asking for money. When the person said he had none, the man slapped him and then ran from the area. The person at the Food Mart was not injured.  
May 29, 6:41 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 27-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with second degree assault and theft after he was stopped by loss prevention personnel at Safeway on suspicion of shoplifting. He allegedly bit one of the loss prevention people and attempted to spray him with pepper spray. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

**Theft**  
May 26, 10:37 a.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive. A man was contacted by an unknown person by way of a phone app and advised that if he did not wire money to this man he did not know, this man would harm his family. The man wired the money, even though he was given no specific information. No family members were injured.

**Counterfeit Money**  
May 29, 11:07 a.m., 5900 block Greenbelt Road. A man entered CVS and attempted to pay for merchandise at the pharmacy using counterfeit money. When confronted by the cashier, he fled on foot.

**Burglary**  
May 24, 5:25 p.m., 8000

block Greenbelt Station Parkway. A blue Trek bicycle was taken from a fenced bike storage area.  
**Vandalism**  
May 29, 3:50 p.m., 8200 block Canning Terrace. A brick was thrown through the living room window of a residence.

**Vehicle Crime**  
Three vehicles were stolen. A silver 4-door 2007 BMW 525ia with Md. tags 1CN1150 was taken from the 9200 block Edmonston Road. A silver 2005 Buick Rendezvous SUV with Md. tags 8DD8284 was taken from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway and a black 4-door 2004 Nissan Altima with Md. tags A303414 from the 9100 block Edmonston Road.

Three stolen vehicles were recovered. A 2015 Ford Focus reported stolen December 21, 2017 from the 7600 block Mandan Road was recovered May 26 by Prince George’s County police in the 11800 block Cherry Tree Crossing Road in Brandywine. A 2007 Audi Q7 SUV reported stolen April 10 from the 9100 block Springhill Court was recovered May 28 by Anne Arundel County police in the area of Race Road and Citrus Road in Millersville. A 2002 Honda Accord reported stolen to D.C. Metropolitan police was recovered in the 6400 block Ivy Lane.

Two thefts and one attempted theft from vehicles were reported. Money was removed in the 6200 block Breezewood Drive after a passenger side window was broken and rear Md. tag 2DE9949 was taken in the 9300 block Edmonston Road. Lug nuts were loosened on a tire in the 8000 block Greenbelt Station Parkway in an apparent attempt to take it.  
Three acts of vandalism were reported. A driver’s side mirror was broken in the 6100 block Breezewood Court, profanity was scratched onto the body of a vehicle in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road, and a driver’s side window and headlight were broken in the 6100 block Breezewood Court.

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organizations that would be impacted if the maglev project were to go through. She particularly expressed frustration with the inability to get answers to questions from BWRR. Councilmember Silke Pope agreed, saying it was time to band together rather than only working independently.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts supported taking a multi-pronged approach but thought the city should pursue legal counsel soon in order to get guidance on the best approaches to take. Councilmember Leta Mach suggested reaching out to locations north of Baltimore, as well as local ones, with the idea that if the Baltimore-Washington route were approved it would be more difficult to stop the further extension of the project. Roberts agreed, saying the Baltimore-Washington leg was thought to be the easiest one to get approval for, and could be used to promote the project further north.

Councilmember Colin Byrd stressed the need to get the city’s federal delegation on board, saying the decision-making would ultimately be at that level and that to date the response from Congressman Steny Hoyer and Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen had ranged from no response to noncommittal.

Davis asked Brady about the schedule for the Environmental Impact Study (EIS), which is currently underway and is the next significant step for the proposed project. She was concerned that once the results of the EIS were public, the project would be almost a done deal. According to Brady, when the draft report is issued, probably in late 2019, there will be 30 to 45 days for comment. The final EIS will be released about six months later, followed by a “record of decision.” Brady said it was unknown how much warning there would be on the release of the draft EIS. The concern of his group is that, as happened earlier, there will be notification in Baltimore and Washington but little in the affected areas in between.

There was speculation on the support being given to the project by the cities forming the end-points of the first proposed line. Brady said Baltimore is strongly supportive but primarily because of the jobs the project promises rather than the project itself. It

was thought that D.C. did not really have the project on its radar screen yet, though the mayor has expressed some support. Brady doubted that D.C. had taken a close look at the likely impact on the eastern side of the city.

Brady said his group agrees that the target for action now is at the federal level. They are also in agreement that the Baltimore-Washington component was judged to be the easiest for which to get approval, with the idea of using it for leverage to continue the build to New York.

Mach suggested that the focus should not be just local and that there should be outreach to areas between Baltimore and New York City. Brady said his group is working on that too, mapping likely routes and developing contacts.

Regarding the issue of involving attorneys, Brady suggested waiting a while. He said the least expensive and most effective approach is for people to persuade the regulators and elected officials to stop the project. He added that it is not until there is a “record of decision” in the matter that the developers could be taken to court. At the same time, he said, much of the research and documentation being done on the project now will contribute to a lawsuit if there is one.

“I hope we can take a much more active role and join in to work with your group,” Davis said. She added that she would like to see all the cities in the cross-hairs join together with Stop this Train, which has the needed information and expertise. The group meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Kenhill Center, which is the old city hall on Kenhill Drive in Bowie. There was consensus that one or more councilmembers would begin to attend the meetings regularly and that Greenbelt would contact the other municipalities and neighborhoods on the proposed routes.

When Jordan opened the discussion to the audience, many suggestions were made of issues to be raised. One refrain from residents involved the already unstable ground affecting homes, schools, and multi-family buildings in Greenbelt East. Others included the need to improve and stabilize local transportation needs first. Brian Almquist presented a summary list of many concerns that have been raised, adding that the developers continually present a lack of specific data, with numbers measured in ambiguous and inappropriate units that evade interpretation.

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a policy for handling evictions so that residents do not have to fear eviction due to their being in “disfavor” with Green Ridge House staff.

**YAC Report**  
Ema Smith and Selim Boukabara of the Youth Advisory Committee reported on their attendance at the National League of Cities conference and thanked council for supporting their attendance. Smith talked about attending events that were aimed at youth leaders. She organized a session on youth engagement.

Boukabara thanked council for permitting them to attend. He called it a great learning experience and said how useful it was to hear how youth in other jurisdictions are handling various issues that affect Greenbelt as well.

**Proclamations**  
Jordan presented a proclama-

tion congratulating the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Lady Raiders Basketball Team who won championships at the county and state level. Alexander Barnes, Sr. accepted a proclamation declaring June to be Peace Month in Greenbelt on behalf of the Prince George’s Peace and Justice Coalition.

**Other Actions**  
Council unanimously directed the Park and Recreation Advisory Board to start the process of creating a bicycle task force and directed staff to draft a letter supporting the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA’s concerns. Most critical at this point is the severe drainage issues on the school’s field. Besides making the field unusable, it is a breeding ground for mosquitos, raising health concerns.

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# Sports

## Greenbelt Cheerleaders Are Two-Time National Champions

by Sheila Lindsay



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Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club cheerleaders celebrate back-to-back wins at the U.S. Finals Cheerleading Championship.

Back-to-back champions, the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club (GBGC) cheerleaders have brought back another U.S. Finals Championship. The U.S. Finals is a national competition held in major cities across the country. For the second year in a row, and only the third year in attendance, the team traveled to Virginia Beach, Va., for a weekend of competition and fun. After an exhilarating performance and nail-biting awards ceremony, the team brought home the first-place trophy and honorary white jackets.

The team had a remarkable season leading up to this win. They competed in six regional competitions from January to April and completed the season with six first-place finishes (making them undefeated), two Grand Champion titles and one National Championship title.

The team worked extremely hard all season and their amazing work paid off. Not only are they champions on the mat but they are quite exemplary off the mat as well. Each cheerleader must be in good standing both at home and school to remain on the team. Coach Tatjana Dale explains that she instills the ideology that “before we are cheerleaders, we are students; before we are students, we are strong and remarkable young women.”

When asked what it felt like bringing home another big win, Dale exclaimed, “Coaching these young ladies is truly a blessing. They work hard day in and day out and make me beyond proud to be their coach. This was by far our best season, and I am so excited for the growth of our program and these young women!”

The success of the Greenbelt cheerleading program is based on several factors. Their formula starts with dynamic, loving and committed coaching and parenting. It is boosted by high standards of girls who understand the importance of hard work. They consider themselves a family and believe that nothing can break their bond. So it’s not a real surprise that they have experienced so much success. “We are all very fortunate to have this collection of stars,” says GBGC president Orin Howard.

Led by coaches Tatjana Dale and David Rodriguez, this year’s team was made up of 15 girls,

ages 8 to 15: Alyssa Cunningham, Ayanah Clemonts, Brittany Longshore, Ella Ford, Jalonie Ebanks, Jaya Cuffie, Jordan Ford, Kennedy Miller, Naomi Tulloch, Nia Kamara, Starr Cunningham, Taryn Tinsley, Trinity Martin, Zada Prout and Zayna French.

Each year the coaches stretch the limit with each girl, encouraging them to go beyond the boundaries of their own limitations. In order to achieve the perfection they showed at this year’s U.S. Finals, the girls came together completely unified so that every movement, every stunt and every motion was sheer perfection.

On May 19 to 20, the U.S. Finals hosted a virtual championship wherein a fresh panel of judges was brought in to watch videos and rescore all of the teams who advanced to the Final Round from each location. The winners of this final round of competition are crowned the U.S. Finals Champions Challenge Division Grand Champions and are rewarded with championship rings and a team banner. On May 23, for the first time in the history of the Greenbelt club, they were announced as the 2018 Champions Challenge Division Grand Champions. For more information contact Coach Dale at greenbeltcheerleading@gmail.com or 202-810-3884.



## Babe Ruth Baseball: Greenbelt Black Routs Marlboro Mustangs

by Jude Maul



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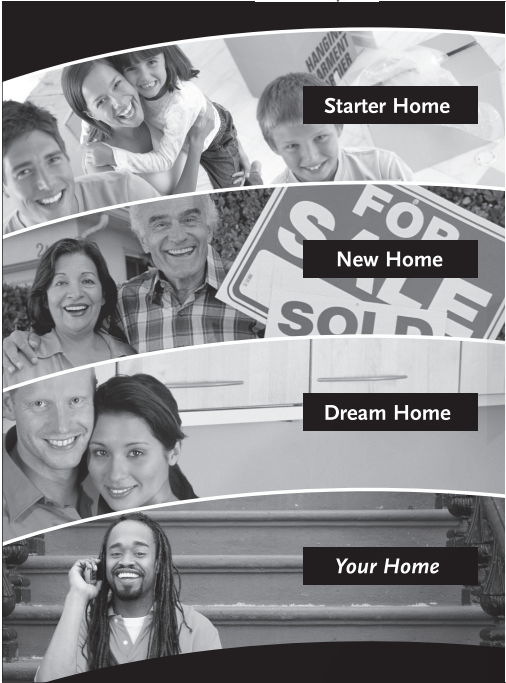
Jaden Osbourne of the Greenbelt Black Babe Ruth Team delivers a pitch against Marlboro in the team's 21-3 win on Monday evening.

On Monday, June 4 the rain finally broke and the Greenbelt Babe Ruth Baseball season could finally begin. The young men of Babe Ruth are middle and high schoolers in our community and their athleticism, team work and leadership impress spectators at every game and practice. This season so many teens wanted to play that Greenbelt Junior Babe Ruth was able to form two teams, Greenbelt Black and Greenbelt Green. Coaches Ian and Patrick Gleason and Christian Hunt have taken on the daunting task of co-coaching two teams this year. At the home games at Braden Field, there is usually quite a crowd not only watching the game but taking advantage of the snack shack and buying Greenbelt Babe Ruth T-shirts. Between the tennis courts, volleyball courts and the trail to the St. Hugh’s playground there is plenty to do around home field for younger kids and siblings.

The Greenbelt Black Team saddled up to play the Marlboro Mustangs at Sasscer Field in Upper Marlboro on June 4. Greenbelt Black broke sharply out of the gate scoring nine runs in the top of the first inning with an eight-hit barrage by AJ Rizzo, Tommy Hill and Jackson Maul, eventually batting around the lineup. From there they were off to the races. The Mustangs tried to mount an offensive charge on the base paths after two batters

reached on walks in the bottom of the first, but the threat was quickly corralled after a successful pick-off by starting pitcher RJ Thornburg, with the other Mustang runner thrown out by Nikos Cooper while attempting to steal third. Greenbelt Black kept up the pace through the middle innings relaying a good sense of the strike zone and taking advantage of a number of walks and batsmen hit by the faltering Mustangs pitcher.

The Greenbelt Black Team led throughout with additional third-inning hits by Logan Beasley and Michael Rodriguez and a two-run double by Jaden Osbourne. Solid defense down the stretch by Andrew Jones and Zach Beasley held the Mustangs to three runs. Fourth-inning hits by Ben Larkin and Andrew Jones added to the lead and handily kept the Mustangs at bay, allowing Greenbelt Black to trot into the sunset with a 21-3 win while the Greenbelt Green Team warmed up around the adjacent track for the next contest of the evening, Greenbelt Green vs. Camp Springs. Unfortunately, the lights went out at Sasscer Field so the game was canceled though the teams scrimmaged for a few innings while the sun went down. Greenbelters are encouraged to stop by to watch Babe Ruth baseball at Braden Field or any other place the teams are playing this season.



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# Greenbelt Days 2018

## Mural and Trail Dedications



Greenbelt Elementary School invited the community in to dedicate their new mural on Saturday June 2.

### Mural Rap

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Say bye to the haters of pollinators  
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Look at the mural, see how they contribute  
To making honey, flowers, plants and new fruit  
Art is our voice – we won’t be mute  
To this mural, we give our sa-lute

So, put aside that pesticide  
That’s pollinator homicide  
In this mural, we take pride  
Appreciation of pollinators is super high

The first art installation in our town  
So can’t NOBODY take it down  
Check the different colors; blue, green, yellow, brown  
It’ll stay in our hearts and here on school grounds

Our hard work and cooperation  
Will be seen by future generations  
Please take part in the pollinator sensation  
We finished this mural – it’s a celebration  
PEACE!

*Mural Rap was written by Lincoln Beasley, Kasim Davis and Antwaune Rodgers (with help from Lindsey Volk)*

- Photos by Beverly Palau



Councilmembers joined the Earth Squad team at the ribbon-cutting for Indian Creek Trail on June 2.

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other non-native invasive plants that occur in Greenbelt. Three sub-groups from the GreenACES/Green Team had games, quizzes and posters to grab visitors’ attention. Tom Taylor of the Stream and Stormwater Restoration sub-group was on hand to talk about the recently installed rain garden at 20 Court Ridge. Jane Young of the Zero Waste Circle had a recycling game to test awareness about

how long it takes for the environment to break down styrofoam containers, cans, diapers, plastic bags, water filters, wood, waxed cartons, paper and grapes. Possible time spans ranged from a couple weeks to millions of years. John Lippert of the Energy Taskforce asked about how much energy LED and incandescent bulbs consume, testing each person’s guess immediately with his kill-a-watt electricity monitor,

which citizens can borrow from Greenbelt Homes, Inc. or Public Works. Lippert also talked about vermicomposting, using worms called red wigglers, to decompose vegetables and other food waste. As visitors exited the gate, greeter Frank Kellaher answered questions and made sure people had seen everything Public Works had to offer at this year’s varied Open House.

## City Pet Expo Celebrates Its Four-Legged Residents

by Karen Knee

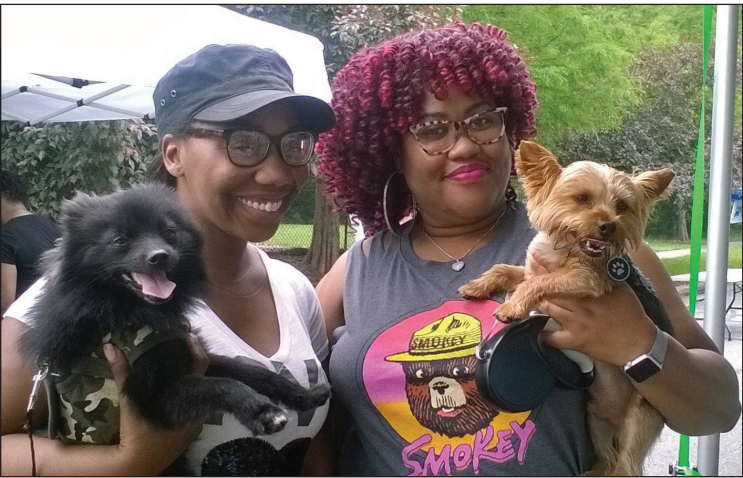


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Ashley Smith and Ty Johnson enjoy the Pet Expo with their dogs Zeus and Marley.

Even before the 2018 Greenbelt Pet Expo officially began at 10 a.m. on June 2, pet owners and enthusiasts, many accompanied by their furry friends, had begun to assemble at Greenbelt Dog Park. City Animal Control Officer Howard Stanback, the Expo’s organizer, estimated that 150 to 200 people attended the Saturday event. His goals for the event were to educate people about resources and pet-focused businesses in the area and to get animals vaccinated.

From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the SPCA/Humane Society of Prince George’s County offered a low-cost rabies, distemper and microchip clinic in the dog park. Various vendors, nonprofit organizations, veterinarians and animal hospitals, government agencies and representatives of Greenbelt Homes, Inc.’s companion animal committee offered products, services, information and advice related to pets. The event also featured a moon bounce, music, a dog fashion show and food from Shortnee Street Eatz.

Many presenters represented animal rescue organizations, such as Harnessed to Hope Northern Breed Rescue, Chesapeake Area Alaskan Malamute Protection and Friends of Rabbits. These groups foster abandoned pets and help find them permanent homes.

Other booths sold unique animal-oriented products. At the CBD Goddesses booth, Ashley Zuckerman explained that her company produces dog treats and salves containing cannabidiol, or CBD, a non-psychoactive derivative of the

marijuana plant that is thought to have medicinal properties. Another business, Bowie-based The Barking Muse, offered a line of organic grooming products geared toward animals allergic to the synthetic chemicals found in many dog shampoos.

The Expo attracted animal lovers from Greenbelt and beyond. Prince George’s County residents Ty Johnson and Ashley Smith came for the fashion show and to get some free samples as well as to give their dogs Marley and Zeus the chance to mingle with new canine friends. College Park residents Mary Grace Serra and Meghan Kozlowski just happened to be at the dog park and were pleasantly surprised to discover the event. They said their 3-year-old black lab-German shepherd mix, Sammy, suffers from severe anxiety about going to the vet, so they decided to take advantage of the opportunity to get him vaccinated.

That was just the outcome Stanback was hoping for. He noted that unvaccinated dogs are a major problem in Greenbelt, one that he hoped to combat through the vaccination clinic and by inviting a veterinarian who does home visits to staff a table at the Expo.



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Plenty of water was on hand for the participants in the Greenbelt Pet Expo on June 2.

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